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Supplemental Response to Restriction Requirement (Via Facsimile)

Sir:

In the Office Action dated April 16, 2003, the Examiner indicated that in addition to electing the invention of Group I and the amino acid sequence identified as SEQ ID NO. 17, Applicants must also elect one of the Groups from Groups I.1-I.14, and identify the claims that read on the elected SEQ ID NO. 17.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I.2 (Claim 37). Of the Group I claims, Claims 35, 37, 50 and 51 read on the elected SEQ ID NO. 17.

In the interest of prosecution quality and economy for both the Office and Applicants, Applicants again request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn. If the Examiner declines to withdraw the restriction requirement in its entirety, for the reasons